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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Jin-Soo LEE et al.

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Group Art Unit: **2625**

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Examiner: **Tabatabai, Abolfazl**

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For: **METHOD OF EXTRACTING FACE USING COLOR DISTORTION
INFORMATION**

**COMMENTS IN REPLY TO EXAMINER'S
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated May 19, 2006, Applicant respectfully submits the following Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Tabatabai for allowing claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 11-18 in the above-identified patent application. Applicant recognizes the statements on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability. However, Applicant cannot acknowledge these statements for the purposes of prosecution history estoppel, as they do not correspond to the recitations of the claims word-for-word. For example, none of the claims recites a "method of inducing or

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enhancing chondrogenesis with extra cellular matrix.” Further, Applicant respectfully submits that each dependent claim is allowable for at least the additionally recited features therein.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the scope of the allowed claims should not be limited by the Examiner’s statements.

Respectfully submitted,
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